

Tree Dedication

Give a gift that will last a lifetime . . . a tree. The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department's Tree Dedication Program is the perfect way to remember someone special. Commemorate a memorial, a birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement or any other special occasion by planting a tree.

What kind of tree?

The department has chosen 12 trees. These 12 trees are broken down into three categories: shade trees, ornamental trees, and evergreen trees. You are welcome to choose any of the 12 selected trees.

Where is the tree going to be planted?

The tree will be planted in the park of your choice, depending on availability. You have a choice of nine locations: Cool Creek Park, Coxhall Gardens, Geist Park, Morse Park and Beach, Potter's Bridge Park, River Road Park, Strawtown Koteewi Park, White River Campground, and the White River Greenway Trail.

In Memory
of
Joe Smith

What about the plaque?

The color of your recognition plaque is dependent upon what category of tree you choose. Once we have received your dedication card, your plaque will be engraved with the words of your choice. The plaque will then be mounted on the Dedication Tree. The Dedication Tree is located at the Cool Creek Nature Center in Cool Creek Park. Once the tree is planted and the plaque is engraved and mounted, an acknowledgement letter, certificate, and a tree map will be mailed to you. The tree map will show you where your tree is located.

Size of Plaque:

3.5 x 1.5 inches

Number of lines:

4

Number of characters per line:

1st and 4th line • 18 characters (including spaces)

2nd and 3rd line • 20 characters (including spaces)

Note:

Plantings will take place in spring and fall.

Shade • silver plaque • \$175

Sweet Gum

Star-shaped leaves, spiny seedballs, and its magnificent fall color make this a unique and lovely choice. Its glossy, dark green leaves turn a range of colors in the fall, from a yellow to orange, then culminating into hues of brilliant red and burgundy. A fast growing native tree, it can reach heights of 80 feet at maturity and is an excellent shade tree.

*Selected Oak

Oaks are majestic and trees with wide-spreading, clean-foliage. In the fall, these large trees can range in shades from brilliant reds and oranges to golden bronze.

*Selected Maple

Maples are beautiful, large, fast-growing trees. They are sure to keep your interest year round with vibrant colors in the fall, snow-covered branches in the winter, and beautiful green foliage in the summer months.

River Birch

This water loving tree gives great character to the outdoor canvas. Its white peeling bark with cream to cinnamon trunk peeking from behind gives a touch of attitude. This tall, airy beauty is sure to capture the character of your memory.



* The specific species of tree planted is dependent upon availability and placement.

Evergreen • bronze plaque • \$150

White Pine

This fast-growing, greenish-blue tinted, soft-toothed pine will grow to 50-80 feet high with a spread of 20-40 feet. This pine has a pleasant appearance with a graceful plum-like outline which makes it very distinctive.

Baldcypress

The native Baldcypress is one of the few conifers which does not remain green year-round. Beginning in the fall, the light-green needle-like leaves begin turning shades of cinnamon and tan. These feathery leaves fall from the tree in the winter exposing the tree's characteristic tan, textured bark.

Norway Spruce

This pyramidal conifer is dark green in color and is most graceful at maturity. This spruce is quite soul-stirring and very appealing standing against the gray winter sky.

Eastern Redcedar

This medium-sized tree has short, olive-colored, scale-like foliage. The Eastern Redcedar can reach heights of 30 feet or more throughout its long life. As a native tree to our area, the tree's ball-shaped fruit is a prized food source for over 50 species of animals.

Ornamental • copper plaque • \$125

Crabapple

The Crabapple is a medium-sized tree which grows between 15 to 25 feet in height at maturity. In the spring and summer, the crabapple bears red fruits and flowers ranging in deep reds to pinkish whites or white. This fruit-bearing tree also offers tremendous winter architecture because of its unique branching.

Hawthorn

The Hawthorn grows 25 to 30 feet high with a 20 to 25 foot spread. It's dark green lustrous leaves with white spring flowers and red-orange fruit make it an aesthetically pleasing tree. In the fall, its beautiful foliage ranges from orange to scarlet to purplish.

Serviceberry

This tight, multi-stemmed shrub can grow between 6 to 20 feet tall. It produces a pretty white flower and a black fruit in spring. In the fall, the serviceberry yields a yellow and gold aura and may often be sprinkled with oranges and reds.

Redbud

The Redbud is most widely known for its delicate, lavender-pink-colored blossoms which grace its branches in the spring. Though not a well-known producer of fall color, the Redbud's leaves will turn muted shades of yellow. A rapid grower, this tree can achieve heights of 20 feet or more at maturity.

Tree Dedication Program

"The best friend on earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources on earth."
- Frank Lloyd Wright



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DEDICATION FORM

☐ Yes, I would like to dedicate a tree

Type of tree: _____

Preferred location (please circle):

- Cool Creek Park
- Coxhall Gardens
- Geist Park
- Morse Park and Beach
- Potter's Bridge Park
- River Road Park
- Strawtown Koteewi Park
- White River Campground
- White River Greenway Trail

Plaque engraving should read:

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Amount: \$

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